



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 17

February Session, 2022



AN ACT PROHIBITING AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM WITHHOLDING TRANSCRIPTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "debt" means an obligation, claim or sum that is due or alleged to be due
3 to an institution of higher education from a student. "Debt" does not
4 include a fee, if any, charged for the actual cost of providing a transcript
5 to a student.

6 (b) No institution of higher education in the state shall (1) upon
7 receiving a request or permission from a student who is currently or was
8 formerly enrolled at such institution, refuse to provide a transcript to an
9 employer or prospective employer of such student because such student
10 owes a debt, (2) condition the provision of a transcript to an employer
11 or prospective employer on the payment of a debt, (3) charge a fee for
12 the provision of a transcript to an employer or prospective employer
13 that is higher than the actual cost of providing the transcript because
14 such student owes a debt, or (4) use the issuance of transcript as a
15 method to collect a debt.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
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HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*